About this Release
This release shows the 2011/2012 national average estimated Healthcare Resource Group (HRGv4) cost information to support NHS Boards in agreeing cross-boundary financial flows for acute inpatient and day cases.

Key Points
- The Scottish National Tariff for cross boundary flows covers acute (hospital) sector inpatients and day cases.
- A combined rate is produced for elective inpatients and day cases and a separate rate is produced for non-elective inpatients.
- Activities excluded from the tariff calculation include certain specialised services such as those funded by National Services Division (NSD) and high cost low volume activity (e.g. defibrillator pacemaker implants).
- The Scottish Government Efficiency and Productivity Programme is currently focusing on, and making significant progress on, improving the quality of costing data in order to improve accuracy of data and consistency across NHS Boards. The Scottish Government is also piloting a patient level costing information system and exploring options to replace the current tariff with one based on this new system.

Background
The Scottish National Tariff Project was set up in November 2005 as a collaborative project between ISD and the Scottish Government Health Directorates. The aim of the project is to develop a list of national average estimated Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) costs, used to support NHS Boards in agreeing cross-boundary financial flows for acute inpatients and day cases (i.e. where patients resident in one NHS Board area are treated in another NHS Board area).
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Further Information
Further information can be found on the ISD website or in the Scottish National Tariff [231Kb]

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